Involvement of local MPs in implementation of Rural Development Schemes

†385. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approval and advice of local MPs are not sought in implementation of various Centrally sponsored Rural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the implementation of various Centrally sponsored Rural Development Schemes with approval and advice of local MPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the Rural Development Schemes are implemented through the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/2illa Parishads. The Members of Parliament are the Members of the Governing body of DRDAs. The Governing body of the DRDA provides policy directions to the DRDA as may be necessary from time to time, approve the Annual Plan and also review and monitor the implementation of different programmes. The Governing body of DRDA is required to meet once in a quarter.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development had constituted the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees to ensure quality expenditure and monitor the implementation of Rural Development Schemes at District level under the Chairmanship of the local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha).

Impact of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the implementation of PMGSY

†386. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are coming in the way of the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana especially in Himachal Pradesh; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.